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The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.

Proceedings in June, 1882.

The Society held its fifth meeting according to appointment in the Library of the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, on Thursday, June 1st, 1882, at 2:30 P. M.

There were present during the meeting Profs. Beckwith, Brown, Day, Dwight, Fisher, Gardiner, Gould, Hall, Mitchell, Prentice, Schaff, Toy, Rev. S. M. Jackson, and Rev. Drs. Chambers, Harwood, Mombert, and Todd.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Prof. Day was chosen President *pro tem.*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read extracts from a number of letters expressing regret of various members at their unavoidable absence.

He also reported upon the printing and distribution of the Journal.

An invitation was received from Prof. Wier to attend a reception at the Yale School of the Fine Arts at 8½ o'clock this evening. This invitation was accepted with thanks, and tickets were given to the members present.

Voted, That the election of officers and the transaction of the general business of the Society be made the order of the day for 7 P. M., and that a committee on the nomination of officers be appointed by the chair. The chair appointed as such committee Drs. Toy, Brown, and Todd.

At 3:20 the first paper was read by Prof. George Prentice, D. D., on "The peculiarities in the mind of Christ," and the ensuing discussion continued until 4:55.

The next paper was read by Prof. I. H. Hall, Ph. D., on "The Beirût MS." At 6 P. M., this paper being unfinished, a recess was taken until 7 P. M.

On the reassembling of the Society at 7:15 P. M., the committee on the nomination of officers reported, recommending the reëlection of the

existing officers. The report was accepted, and the following officers were duly elected:

REV. D. R. GOODWIN, D. D., LL. D., - - -	*President.*
REV. JAMES STRONG, D. D., - - - -	*Vice-President.*
REV. F. GARDINER, D. D., - - - - -	*Secretary.*
REV. C. A. BRIGGS, D. D., - - - - -	*Treasurer.*
REV. EZRA ABBOT, D. D., LL. D.,	*Additional Members of the Council.*
REV. GEO. E. DAY, D. D.,	
REV. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, D. D.,	
PROF. CHARLES SHORT, D. D.,	
REV. C. M. MEAD, Ph. D.,	

The Report of the Treasurer was presented by Prof. Brown, and referred to an auditing committee appointed by the President, consisting of Profs. Prentice and Gould.

After discussion, it was voted that an hour, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be set apart at each meeting for such short notes and reports in the line of our work as may be presented by members, without being entered on the programme of the meeting. The hour immediately following the completion of Prof. Hall's paper was set apart for this purpose at the present meeting.

The auditors reported that the Treasurer's report was correct and duly vouched.

Prof. Hall's paper was continued at 7:35 and discussed until 8:25.

Adjourned to attend the reception at the School of Fine Arts, and meet again at 9 A. M.

Friday, June 2d. The Society reassembled at 9 A. M.

In the absence of the President *pro tem.*, the Rev. Dr. Harwood was invited to take the chair, which he gave up to Dr. Day on his return.

This being the hour for short papers and notes,

A note on Lenormant's *Les Origines de l'Histoire*, vol. II., chapter on Ararat and Eden, was read by Dr. Toy.

A note on S. Mark xii. 10, 11, was read by Prof. Hall.

A note on a recent criticism on *The text, structure and authorship of the Apocalypse*, by Völter, was read by the Rev. S. M. Jackson.

Dr. Schaff spoke at some length on Weiss' *Leben Jesu*.

Dr. Dwight spoke on the Synoptical Gospels, especially S. Mark.

Dr. Mombert read a note on the place of the printing of Tyndale's version, and on his study of Hebrew.

These notes, with the discussions to which they gave rise, occupied until 10:30 A. M. The hour having thus more than expired, other notes were deferred.

The next paper was read by the Rev. J. I. Mombert, D. D., on Job xix. 15–27, and was discussed until 11:25.

The Rev. Dr. Dwight then paid a tribute to the memory of our late

colleague, the Rev. J. K. Burr, D. D., of Trenton, New Jersey, and was followed by Drs. Day, Schaff, and others.

On motion, Drs. Short and Dwight were appointed a committee to prepare a minute in relation to the death of Dr. Burr, to be entered on our Journal, and to be sent to his family.

The minute, as subsequently prepared, is as follows:

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death the Rev. J. K. Burr, D. D., our esteemed fellow-member, who was chosen as our associate for his learning and ability, we desire to place on record our sense of the loss which this Society has thus sustained.

Dr. Burr had won the regard of all that were associated with him, by his devoted piety, by his scholarship, of which he had given signal proof in an excellent commentary on a part of Holy Scripture, by his modesty, his calm judgment, and his gentle and truly Christian spirit. Though continually suffering from ill health during the last years of his life, he was still faithful to every duty, and attended, even till their work was completed, the meetings of the Committee of Bible Revision, of which he was an esteemed member.

The devotion of his life to the highest studies, to the worthiest causes, and to the best institutions, will be kept in grateful remembrance by many who knew and honored him.

This society tenders to his family and friends its sincere sympathy in their painful bereavement.

CHARLES SHORT, } *Committee.*
TIMOTHY DWIGHT, }

The following minute was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis desires to express its interest in the Syriac MS., belonging to the Syrian Protestant College at Beirût, of which Prof. Hall has given an account, and its hope that this important document may be printed and published. Its early date, the fact that it includes nearly the whole of the New Testament, and the apparent priority of its text over the Harklean, make it desirable that the text should be in the hands of scholars.

Further, the Society would express the hope that the Codex itself may remain in this country, where it may be accessible to a larger number of scholars. We therefore respectfully request the present owners of the MS. to take into consideration the propriety of depositing it in some fire-proof building in this country.

The Council reported the place and time for the next meeting as New York, at the Union Theological Seminary, during the Christmas holidays, at such day and hour as may be fixed by a committee consisting of Profs. Briggs, Schaff, and Brown.

The Council recommended the following persons for election as members of the Society, all of whom have published works or articles on subjects connected with the work of the Society. They were thereupon duly elected, and have since signified their acceptance of membership:

Prof. Wm. Arnold Stevens,	Rochester Theol. Sem., Rochester, N. Y.
Prof. W. R. Harper,	Baptist Union Theol. Sem., Morgan Park, Chicago.
Prof. W. G. Ballantine,	Oberlin Theol. Sem., Oberlin, Ohio.
Prof. Geo. H. Schodde,	Columbus, Ohio.
Prof. Edward L. Curtis,	Presby. Theol. Sem. of the Northwest, 1060 North Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.
Prof. O. S. Stearns, D. D.,	Newton Theol. Sem., Newton Centre, Mass.
Prof. Rufus P. Stebbins, D. D.,	Newton Centre, Mass.
Rev. Edward H. Jewett, D. D.,	Norwich, Conn.
Prof. Edwin C. Bissell,	Hartford, Conn.
Prof. Revere F. Wiedner,	Rock Island, Ill.

Voted, That the whole question of printing the proceedings be referred to the Council with power.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to dispose of copies of the Journal and Proceedings to members, for foreign distribution only, at fifty cents each.

The next paper on "Tenses in Conditional Sentences in Hebrew," by the Rev. Henry Ferguson, in the absence of the author, was read by the Secretary.

The last paper on "Lost Hebrew Manuscripts," by the Rev. Bernard Pick, Ph. D., in his absence, was read by Prof. Brown, beginning at 12:30.

After the reading of the rough minutes, at 1:30 P. M., the Society adjourned.

FREDERIC GARDINER,
Secretary.

December, 1882.

The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis held its sixth meeting according to appointment in the chapel of the Union Theological Seminary, 9 University Place, New York, at 10 A. M., December 28th, 1882, the President being in the chair.

The following members were present during the session: Profs. Beckwith, Beecher, Bissell, Briggs, Brown, President Cattell, Rev. Dr. Chambers, President Chase, Rev. Dr. Craven, Chancellor Crosby, Prof. Day, Rev. Henry Ferguson, Profs. Gardiner, Goodwin, Hall, Hart, Hitchcock, Rev. S. M. Jackson, Rev. Dr. Jewett, Prof. Mitchell, Rev. Dr. Mombert, Profs. Paine, Schaff, and Short; in all, twenty-four.